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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was reported as fully steady to firm on smaller sizes, no better than steady on heavier weights in the Northeast, steady to firm in the Midwest, and steady in the West. Local markets were reported as fully steady to firm. Demand was irregular but expected to improve by late week for the long holiday weekend. Current supplies were short to sufficient. However, hot weather has affected both sizes and liveability in most areas leaving very little production of light weight product uncommitted for the balance of the week. In the parts structure, leg quarters and fronts were reported as being tight to short, balance of items were irregular from area to area with some intra company trading noted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 61.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on the 1st September, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

### DOCK PRICE ITEM (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	168.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00
LEG QUARTERS	25.50
WINGS	60.50

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 08/26/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	178,487	179,329	0
CHICKS PLACED	143,874	140,641	+02

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 178 million eggs during the week ending August 26, 2000. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 26, 2000. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through August 26, 2000, were 4.97 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 7-Oct-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 147.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 147.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.01 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN** The market tone was fully steady. Offerings light overall. Buying activity was fairly good to cover labor day needs. Retail demand best where featured. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on parts with bone-in breasts in the strongest position.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to good, best for holiday purchasing.

Supplies were well cleared to tight for trade needs. In the parts structure, availability of all items was mostly limited to sufficient with demand continuing to show strength. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment mostly steady, occasionally firm. Offerings of whole fryers and wogs light with very limited buyer interest in acquiring additional product. Retail demand slow to fair at best. Scattered features and other competitively priced proteins providing best demand. Retail features noted in Chicago on whole birds and split breasts at 88 cents, and boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.79 and \$1.99. Food service movement was seasonal and generally noted as moderate. Distributors to fast food accounts in St. Louis anticipating increased orders as the weekend nears. Floor stocks were adequate to instances long with sizes desirable to light. Parts trading was light, supplies adequate to in close balance and held with confidence. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on all parts items.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to no better than moderate during midweek trading, although, improvement was anticipated approaching the holiday weekend. Supplies of the larger birds remained fully adequate to ample, however, availability of the smaller sizes were limited with the 2.5 pound birds in the closest position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was only fair. The market tone was fully steady on the smaller birds, no better than steady on the 3.5 pound and heavier sizes. In the parts market, offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were mixed at times, but were usually sufficient. Leg quarters continued to see active interest, and thighs were clearing well. Drums were more than adequate, and the balance of items were generally sufficient.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained only about moderate, but was expected to increase sharply late week as buyers sought receipts for the holiday lengthened weekend. Seller offerings were well balanced to closely cleared on the smaller sizes; ample on the heavier. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy and some operations were being planned for Saturday. Most plants will shut on Labor Day. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on 2.5 to 3.5 pound sizes, steady at best on the balance.

**\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	48-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.27
NO. OF BOXES	9,273
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 30, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	613	160.00-220.00	160-165	163.66	BREAST - B/S	634	155.00-220.00	165-170	167.78
TENDERLOINS	174	200.00-245.00	200-205	206.90	TENDERLOINS	160	205.00-245.00	205-210	210.63
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	80.00-85.00	80-82	80.61	BREAST - LINE RUN	60	79.00-82.00	79-80	79.40
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	175	70.00-80.00	76-78	75.40
LEGS	86	30.00-41.00	30-32	30.77	LEGS	86	30.00-41.00	30-32	30.77
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	516	21.00-23.00	-	22.16	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	479	21.00-24.00	23-24	23.51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,330	24.00-25.00	-	24.65	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,250	24.00-27.00	25-27	25.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	101	55.00-60.00	55-57	57.32	WINGS (WHOLE)	100	51.00-60.00	54-56	55.48
WINGS (CUT)	384	68.00-87.00	68-70	68.99	WINGS (CUT)	282	65.00-87.00	68-69	70.00
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR AUGUST 29, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE
44.50 - 49.00	47.23

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR AUGUST 30, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
45.50 - 52.00	49.46	46.39

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was light to fair, but generally noted as typical of midweek activity, with most dealers remaining selective and cautious. Offerings of boneless-skinless breast items were irregularly available, but were usually adequate overall. Bone-in breasts were adequate, and leg quarters remained well cleared. The balance of items were sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair. The market tone was fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts, steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

AUGUST 29, 2000				AUGUST 30, 2000			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	163.43	644,130	BREAST - B/S	155-160	166.13	480,620
TENDERLOINS	180-185	214.43	130,760	TENDERLOINS	180-185	205.24	74,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	81.75	274,760	BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	81.61	279,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	78.00	144,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	74	78.99	176,600
LEGS	33-34	35.89	262,400	LEGS	33-34	36.17	194,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24	23.86	760,671	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.60	685,421
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	31.35	191,620	DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.63	140,160
THIGHS	26-27	29.55	167,850	THIGHS	27-28	31.99	180,680
B/S THIGHS	76-77	80.48	63,140	B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.30	47,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	63.25	398,280	WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	64.80	363,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	69,420	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.93	68,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.52	52,480	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.12	49,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.47	46,760	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.18	72,760

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/30	08/29	08/28	08/25	08/23
ALA	3,914	3,930	3,877	3,996	4.99
ARK	5,143	5,400	5,159	5,879	4.70
DELMARVA	2,441	2,380	2,460	3,021	5.13
KY-LA-TN	2,045	2,003	2,046	2,000	4.42
MISS	2,756	2,809	2,775	2,891	5.11
NC	2,713	2,608	2,611	3,289	5.90
TEXAS	2,307	2,315	2,263	2,362	4.74
TOTAL	21,319	21,445	21,191	23,438	4.98
MON-WED64,376 (A)					62,879 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Aug 00 is estimated to be 31,896,000 up 2.32 percent from a week ago and up 4.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,506,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 92-96
	DRY PACK 103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-111
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 94
	DRY PACK 98
DUCKS	149-165

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT-2-00

	CURRENT WEEK 09/02/00 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/26/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	164,472 (2)	160,470
LT HENS	1,799	1,860
HVY HENS	1,661	1,542
CHECK TOTAL	167,932	163,872

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Sep-00 is 151.1 million head compared to 157.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.8 million head or 13.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 09-Sep-00 the estimated available is 148.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 28-Aug-00	166,301	78,797
AM 1-Aug-00	163,317	91,580
CHG	2,984	-12,783
PCT CHG	2	-14

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/28/00	08/21/00	08/30/99	08/28/00	08/21/00	08/30/99
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	22,528	24,543	38,527	12,456	12,655	17,224
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	233	293	1,019	4,454	4,480	6,683

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 08/29/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	.65	.48	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.50	1.50	-
BROILERS lb.	.30	.50	.41	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.25	.35	.30	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	.30	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.60	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	2.50	5.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	1.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.30	.80	.53	ROOSTERS ea.	.75	5.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	.16	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.40	-	TURKEYS ea.	5.00	6.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	.80	.67	DUCKS ea.	-	2.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.20	.90	.51	RABBITS ea.	.75	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	3.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	5.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	9.00	-
SILKIES ea.	3.25	3.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 136

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF August 28, 2000

		RANGE
<b>HENS</b>	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	52-56
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-62

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 25, 2000

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	71.13	127.73	78.60	19.65	3.44	54.04
High	72.90	147.38	98.25	29.48	3.93	54.04
Mostly	72.90	137.55	88.43	29.48	3.44	54.04
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	72.90	137.55	78.60	24.56	3.93	62.88
High	74.97	162.12	103.16	49.13	9.33	62.88
Mostly	73.30	152.29	88.43	39.30	5.90	62.88
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	71.04	127.73	78.60	19.65	3.44	51.58
High	72.71	147.38	98.25	29.48	3.93	51.58
Mostly	72.61	137.55	88.43	19.65	3.44	51.58
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	75.56	137.55	88.43	29.48	3.93	62.68
High	75.56	157.20	108.08	49.13	9.83	62.68
Mostly	75.56	147.38	98.25	39.30	5.90	62.68

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